Travel Trailer/Mobile Home Safety

No travel trailer or mobile home – now matter how new it is – can be a safe shelter from storm force winds.

Any individual who lives in a travel trailer should pay close attention to radio and television reports to receive important information from state and local officials concerning hurricane precautions.

- o FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes are the property of the federal government.
- o FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes may not be moved.
- o The unauthorized movement, and any resulting damage, to FEMA travel trailers or mobile homes may be prosecuted under federal law.
- o The state encourages all travel trailer and mobile home residents to follow all guidance from parish emergency managers.
- State law allows for privately owned trailers and RV vehicles to be moved during evacuations.
- o The State of Louisiana strongly urges those who must move their personal trailer or RV to do so before an evacuation order is given.
- o Privately owned trailers over 8'6" wide, 75' total length and 13'6" total height will not be permitted in evacuation traffic in either a voluntary or mandatory evacuation.

o <u>IF PARISH OR STATE OFFICIALS TELL YOU TO EVACUATE</u> Leave as soon as possible.

- Make a Family Communication Plan.
- o Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- o Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets/sleeping bags to shelter.
- o Protect your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and water.
- o Turn off the main electrical power switch.
- o Turn off the main water valve and disconnect the hose.
- o Turn the propane tanks off.
- o Lock-up your travel trailer or mobile home and leave.

DURING A HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM WATCH OR WARNING

- o Listen to radio/television for storm progress reports.
- o Check emergency supplies.
- o Fuel your car.
- o Board up windows and check tie-downs on your travel trailer or mobile home.
- o Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings.
- o Store drinking water.
- o Review evacuation plan.

AFTER A STORM

- o Stay tuned to local radio or television for information from state or local officials.
- o Return home only after state or local officials advise that is safe to do so.